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Message OF THE Month

The Priesthood of Jesus Christ— Perfect - Permanent - Perpetual - Powerful

THESE FOUR significant and consoling words are taken from an article of Dr. John C. Page of Westmount College, Santa Barbara, Cal., describing the supereminent qualities of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. They immediately create a contrast with the claims of any other priesthood—pagan, Jewish or Roman Catholic. Perhaps no one can more profoundly realize the implications of this contrast than we converted priests at Christ's Mission, who have abandoned the priesthood of the Roman Church and now look alone to Christ, whose sacrificial work is *perfect, permanent, perpetual* and *powerful*.

Perfection cannot be found in any man. Christ alone, first by His ministry on earth, was the perfect revelation of God to man, and now, by His ministry in heaven, the perfect representative of man to God. Besides this, He secures for us perfection of access and approach to God, and perfection of standing and of conscience before God. This no other priest could possibly accomplish. Yet, perfection alone can satisfy the need of lost man. We who are so imperfect need 100% perfection; nothing less will do.

Unlike any priesthood of men, Christ's priesthood is *permanent*, unchangeable: "*Thou art a priest forever*;" "*the power of an endless life*;" "*He ever liveth to make intercession*." How could this be said of a pagan, Jewish or Roman priest?

Other priests offer sacrifices that must be repeated, precisely because they do not take away sins, and such priests are "not suffered to continue because of death." But Christ's sacrifice, *perpetual* but *not repeatable*, has "*perfected forever* them that are sanctified."

Other priests are mere men "compassed with infirmity." But in Christ is all the fullness of grace and power. He alone is "*ABLE to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him*." He is always there, always ready, always faithful, always able, always true.

This is the only sure foundation on which to rest everything today when the very world itself seems to totter on its axis.



Skeleton in Jesuit Closet Breaks Loose

A TEMPEST has arisen among the Jesuits in Boston over the matter of the salvation of Protestants. Four Catholic professors of [Jesuit] Boston College were fired last April 14 because they accused the President, Jesuit Father William J. Keleher, of teaching the following 'heresies':

"(1). That there may be salvation outside the Catholic Church;

"(2) That a man may be saved without admitting the Roman Catholic Church to be Supreme among all churches;

"(3) That a man may be saved without submission to the Pope."

Another Jesuit, Father Leonard Feeney, supported the four Catholic teachers and was silenced a few days later by Archbishop Cushing of Boston and forbidden to perform his priestly functions of preaching and teaching of religion. The Catholic professors appealed to the Pope.

This skeleton was bound to pop out of the Jesuit closet sooner or later, in spite of the efforts to hide it from

American Protestants. The strict teaching of the Roman Catholic Church is: "*Extra ecclesiam nullus salus*"—"Outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation."

This was laid down by the Council of Trent and the Jesuits gloried in it while waging their violent counter-Reformation against Protestants in Europe, proclaiming and teaching boldly that Protestants could not be saved.

But in America, the Roman Catholic Church receives huge financial support from Protestants, Jews and other non-Catholics. The Jesuits thus found it would be most unwise, and not in the least expedient, to make it known to all that, according to their teaching, Protestants and others outside their Church are headed for hell. They thus concocted a clever distinction to make it appear that there possibly may be salvation for those who do not admit the supremacy of Rome and submit to the Pope. They coined the phrase "invincible ignorance," and said that

a Protestant could be saved if he always remained invincibly ignorant of the 'truth' of Catholic teaching and led a sinless life.

This whole distinction is pure fraud. From the point of view of the devout Roman Catholic it is unfair, since he is taught that it is extremely difficult for him to be saved in spite of all the helps and graces he receives from masses, confessions, priests, devotions, penances, indulgences, etc. Why should a Protestant 'heretic' be saved merely by believing in Christ and not having to heed the many obligations imposed upon the believing Catholic? If a devout Catholic can get to Purgatory only by the skin of his teeth, why should Protestants get to heaven without any effort at all—as long as they remain 'invincibly ignorant'? The answer given to Catholics in European countries is simply that Protestants don't—that no one can keep all his life from sin, and that without a priest's absolution and the grace of the Catholic sacraments it is virtually impossible to be saved.

It would seem that for once the Jesuits have over-reached themselves in trying to deceive Protestants in America. For, after all, if they continue to resist this charge of 'heresy,' it will appear to devout Catholics that the essence of salvation depends, as Protestants believe, on faith in Christ, and not on works and submission to Rome. It would prove that Luther was right after all!

The controversy has placed Rome itself in a very embarrassing position—since Protestant American dollars right now are very important and welcome at the Vatican.

POPE INNOCENT III, in the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), decreed:

"Outside the [Catholic] Church no man whatever is saved."

POPE BONIFACE VIII, in his Bull 'Unam Sanctam' (1302), decreed:

"Now, therefore, we declare, say, determine and pronounce that for every human creature it is necessary for salvation to be subject to the authority of the Roman Pontiff."

POPE PIUS IX, in his 'Syllabus of Errors' (1864), CONDEMNED anyone who would say that:

"We may entertain at least a well-founded hope for the eternal salvation of all those who are in no manner in the true Church of Christ."

HERE IS ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE of Church-versus-Bible, from an article by Rev. Francis Syriane in the Catholic Register of last March 6:

"Most of the necessary truths (for salvation) are found in the Bible, but not all of them. Catholics are bound to accept all the truths taught by the Catholic Church, whether or not they are found in the Scriptures. Moreover, they are bound to accept the interpretation of the truths of Scripture as given by the Church."

In other words only the Catholic Church, not the Bible, has all the teaching necessary for salvation. The Church is everything, the Bible merely secondary. The Church is the final authority.

In The



Vatican's Shadow

"Second-Class Citizens"

PERHAPS the most amazingly outspoken account of the persecution of Protestants in Spain appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* of last Feb. 23, in an article from Paris by Homer Bigart, noted European newspaper correspondent, and published also in the *N. Y. Herald Tribune*. The article opens as follows:

"Under the Falangist Government, the Spanish Protestant is a second-class citizen. He cannot hold an official position in the Government, nor can he rise to officer's rank in the Army unless he conceals his religious beliefs. He is not allowed to practice his faith in public. The chapel he attends must not display any exterior evidence that it is a place of worship. It cannot advertise its existence, not even with a bulletin board. It cannot be listed in the public directories."

In support of these startling facts, the author quotes from the pronouncements of the highest Roman Catholic authorities in Spain, such as Cardinal Pedro Segura y Saenz, Archbishop of

Seville, and the Archbishop of Zaragoza. He quotes several incidents, similar to one last summer, "*when 18 Protestants were arrested at Medina del Campo, near Valladolid, on charges of holding a clandestine prayer meeting. They were jailed and fined 1,000 to 2,000 pesetas (equivalent to 2 months pay for the average Spanish worker).*"

The author also quotes the Rev. Carlos Arango, Evangelical minister in Madrid as follows:

"Marriage and baptism by Protestant clergymen has no legal recognition. It is a particular hardship to our workers, who, since they are not legally considered married, are thus denied wage supplements for their wives and children. Our dead are denied interment in church cemeteries and, because there are very few civil burial grounds, they must often be buried in the open field. Before the civil war, and even under the monarchy, we had our own schools. But after the triumph of Franco this was denied, and all schools were closed."

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CARDINAL TO FIGHT SPANISH CENSORING

Seville Prelate Protests Press Ban on His Denunciation of Protestants' Activities

By Religious News Service.

MADRID, March 24—Government circles here are said to be greatly disturbed over a pastoral letter by Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saenz, Archbishop of Seville, charging the Spanish Press Directorate with having censored his ecclesiastical statements.

The Cardinal's protest was in reference to pronouncements in which he denounced the activities of Protestants in Spain.

In his latest letter, read in all the churches of the Seville Archdiocese, Cardinal Segura accused the Press Directorate of having banned the publication of previous pastorals in daily newspapers.

At the same time, he announced that he would apply "canonical sanctions" against press authorities the next time they "impeded" the publication of his pronouncements.

The ban did not apply to the Seville Ecclesiastical Bulletin, which published the texts of Cardinal Segura's anti-Protestant statements. There was no attempt to prevent the texts being read in churches.

Informants close to the Government declared that the Cardinal's pastorals had been censored to prevent Catholics from becoming excited over the presence of Protestants and to avoid possible unpleasant incidents. These sources added that the press directorate had no intention of curtailing the liberty of the Catholic Church in Spain, which is a predominantly Catholic country.

W. T. News Service

N.Y. Times, Mar. 25, 1949

Franco Becomes "Merciful"

FRANCO SPAIN has decided to permit the descendants of Jews expelled from Spain in 1492 to return and become Spanish citizens. These were the 'Sephardic' Jews, numbering about 100,000, who were expelled from Spain by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella when they refused to recant their faith. Some 50,000 others became Roman Catholics and remained in Spain.

Most of those expelled settled in Greece and Egypt and became Turkish citizens, by an agreement which was renewed in 1936, but which has now expired. But Franco's decree says, according to the N. Y. Times of last January 9, that "only those who have shown they are worthy of such mercy" will obtain Spanish citizenship.



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More Light On Church-State Struggle Under Communism

AS EXPECTED, Americans are beginning to get a better perspective of the struggle between church and state in Catholic-Communist countries, now that the furor created by the Mindszenty case is dying down.

To most Americans the occurrences at first appeared as just ruthless and wanton persecution of religion, and few stopped to consider the long background of history and the peculiar circumstances connected with it.

Mr. Kingsley Martin, editor of the well-known *New Statesman and Nation* of London, after a recent visit to Hungary, put the situation into a single sentence as follows:

"What Communism has done in predominantly Catholic countries, like Poland and Hungary, is to destroy the immense and unjustifiable wealth of the church, to distribute its great estates and begin the process (long ago completed in the Western World) of secularizing education and undermining, by a variety of means, the political influence of the church."

This enlightening and pertinent quotation, and many other important facts, are called to the attention of American Protestants by Rev. Alexis Mathe, minister of the Reformed Church in Hungary and correspondent

of Religious News Service there, in an article in the *Christian Century* of last March 23, entitled "Are Hungary's Churches Persecuted?"

"In any case," writes this Hungarian Protestant minister, "even a superficial analysis of Mr. Martin's statement makes it clear why the Vatican is so anxious to convince the outside world that what has been happening in Hungary is a savage persecution of religion by godless and inhuman Communism. Rome will never admit that the Communists are bringing up to date a political order that was almost hopelessly retarded. The fact is, of course, that in Hungary, especially, the Roman Catholic Church has been the very embodiment of the old feudalistic and capitalistic regime. And it committed the unpardonable blunder of casting in its lot with a bankrupt social order. Now it is panic-stricken."

Pastor Mathe also gives Protestant Americans a blunt explanation why Protestant leaders, like Lutheran Bishop Ordass and others, have also been 'persecuted' by the Hungarian regime. Reminding us that Hungary's two historic Protestant Churches, the Reformed and the Evangelical, were persecuted for centuries by the Hapsburg dynasty and its collaborator, the Roman Catholic Church, he points to the "sad truth," that "during the past eighty years these churches gradually succumbed to bribery in the form of state subsidies, landed estates and political privileges for their bishops (for instance, the right to sit as Lords Spiritual alongside Roman Catholic prelates in the upper House of Parliament), and sundry other favors. That is why many of our Protestant

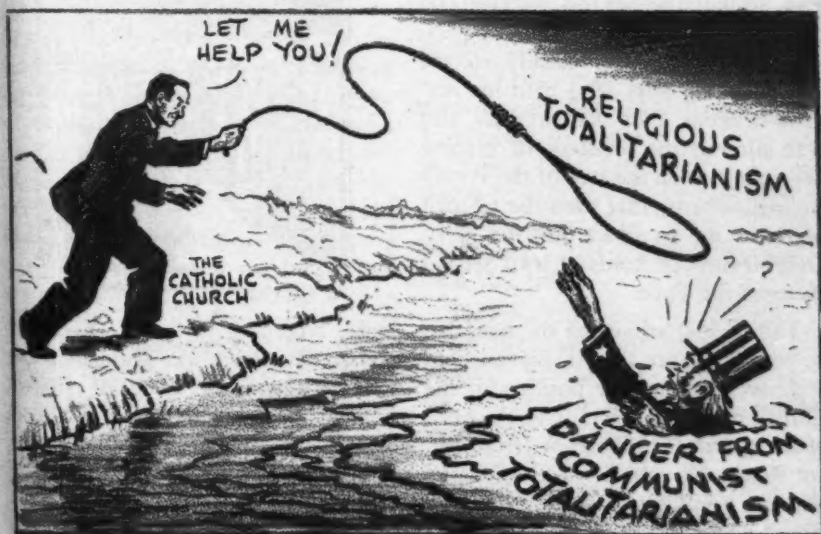
church leaders, notably Lutheran Bishop Ordass and Reformed Bishop Ladislaus Ravasz, have followed the Roman Catholic lead in opposing the present régime, which has stripped the churches of their lands and political influence and deprived them of their precious privileges."

Reformed Bishop Ravasz, in his farewell address to the assembly of his diocese, confessed his error as follows: "The greatest error a church could commit would be to tie its fate to a discredited social order, instead of concentrating all its energies on preaching the Gospel and working in the fields of missions, religious education and charity."

Pastor Mathe also testifies that church life in Hungary "is a great

deal freer today than were the government subsidized churches under the old régime." He gives us assurance that "as long as the churches recognize and accept Hungary's new way of social and economic life and refrain from meddling in politics, they are assured of the same kind of religious liberty that the churches of the Protestant West enjoy."

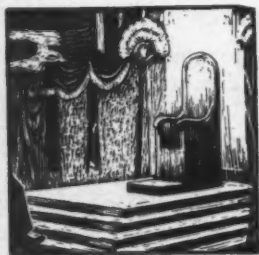
American Protestants, of course, will require further proof of this, and time alone will tell. But if, in the meantime, either east or west of the Iron Curtain, all religious denominations are assured full freedom of worship and of propaganda—and prohibited only from meddling in politics—all but Roman Catholics will rejoice.



IS IT A LIFE SAVER?

One Foot On The Pope's Throne

NOBODY BUT THE POPE, of course, is allowed to sit upon the Pope's throne in Rome. Nobody, in fact, is ever allowed to put his two feet even upon the steps of the Pope's throne.



But there is one person, it is conceded, who has the privilege to put his right foot upon the first step of the Papal throne. He is the Patriarch of the Melchite (Roman Catholic Greek) Church, a small sect which united with the Church of Rome in 1759. He is the Patriarch of Antioch, Alexandria, Jerusalem and all the east, although he has less than 100,000 Roman Catholics under him. The present Patriarch is the recently elected Maximos IV Saig, who paid his first visit to Pope Pius XII recently and was allowed the privilege of placing his right foot on the step of the Pope's throne, to show that even the Church of Rome has to admit that the Patriarch of Antioch holds at least second place to the Pope.

Though not admitting the need for it, we would say that if any one has a claim to a superior position in the Christian Church, it would be the head of the church in Antioch or Jerusalem, not Rome. No scholar or archeologist has ever been able to prove that Peter was in Rome, but the Scriptures tell us he was in Antioch and Jerusalem. And we know also from the Scriptures that

the first center of the Christian Church was at Jerusalem. Paul was in Rome, but we know that Peter was never there or could ever have been a pope or bishop of Rome. Peter, like Paul, was an *apostle*, not a *bishop*.

Spellman And The Gravediggers

CARDINAL SPELLMAN, flanked by two other bishops and three priests and a strong police escort, led more than 100 students for the priesthood from St. Joseph's Seminary through a picket line at Calvary Cemetery in New York last March 2, to take the place of 240 (mostly Catholic) gravediggers who had been on strike for three weeks. As the Cardinal passed through the gates, the pickets doffed their hats out of respect to him, while a group of strikers across the street watched in bitter si-



lence, according to the N. Y. *Times* report. The strike was against Calvary Cemetery and the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N. Y., both owned and operated by the trustees of St. Patrick's Cathedral, because of the demand of the strikers for a 40-hour week with time-and-a-half for Saturday, which the Cardinal and the trustees had refused.

Although most of the strikers were Roman Catholics, the Cardinal charged that the union was Communist-dominated. Yet, when the strikers met together and took an anti-Communist oath and voted to request their Local to disaffiliate from their parent union, the Cardinal merely commented, *"They are getting repentance kind of late!"* The Cardinal still refused the strikers' terms, and continued to lead the seminary students each day to the cemetery to dig the graves. John Sheehan, the union's attorney and also a member of the executive board of the Association of Catholic Trade Union (ACTU), charged that the Cardinal's whole objective was to break the union.

The charge of "dictator" was hurled at the Cardinal by the Catholic gravediggers. When their wives pleaded with him on March 7, the Cardinal told them the men could have their jobs back "provided they returned as individuals rather than as members of a union." *"We know what our men are fighting for—a decent wage for a five-day week,"* they told the Cardinal. *"Because of this knowledge and because of our Catholic faith, we are deeply grieved by the reckless and misguided charges of Communism hurled at our loved ones and at the leaders of the union."*

The Cardinal won, and the gravediggers returned to work on March 12, on his terms. *"I have determined,"* he declared, according to the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of that date, *"to make my own decision based upon the dictates of my conscience before the highest and only indisputable law—the law of God."*

June, 1949

Preaching Our Message In The Midwest

SPEEDED on their way by prayers for their safety and guidance, two of our converted priests, Rev. William E. Burke and Rev. Peter J. Doeswyk, set forth the week after Easter on a three-month speaking tour through five midwest states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

Reports of their progress have been most encouraging. Large crowds have attended their meetings, testifying to the constructive messages these converted priests bring. By the time this issue of our Magazine reaches our readers, these two men will have spoken more than 200 times to an estimated 75,000 people. Besides these two, the following converted priests are also active in preaching in churches and auditoriums from coast to coast: our Editor, L. H. Lehmann, Angelo LoVallo, Felix Tovar, José Fernandez and Joseph Zacchello.

This work of fearlessly preaching our message throughout the country is not without its difficulties and personal dangers. Yet the need must be filled of proclaiming this saving gospel today in defense of our Protestant faith and culture.



W. E. Burke



P. J. Doeswyk

*They Have
Not Died
In Vain*

Hungary's Martyred Christians *

By EMERY KOCSIS

[This article should be of timely interest in view of all that has been published about the arrest and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.]

BAPTISTS have lived in Hungary since the fifteenth century. Keller, the German historian, objected strongly to the slanderous name Anabaptist. In his book, *Die Reformation*, he stated that the name was an outright verbal defamation which was invented and had been used by the adversaries of the new Christian Baptist Society in Hungary.

Footprints of Baptists on Hungary's soil date back to the fifteenth century. In 1523, Kristof Shroeder was already preaching in the city of Eperjes; in 1540, Andras Fisher was declared a heretic by the Catholic Church and was burned at the stake in the village of Krasznaharka. In 1548, laws were passed against the Baptists in the City of Posnoy, and in 1556, Peter Riedman was burned, Felix Mantz was drowned, and thou-

sands were found guilty and died as heretics because their religious convictions were hated by the Roman Church.

Hungary's martyred Baptists declared their faith and their convictions with determination and without fear. They now wear the martyr's crown.

The time has come in this world conflagration to clarify and crystalize our basic human rights in the field of religion. Religious liberty is the right of free men. It cannot exist where freedom of speech, of assembly, of organization, and other liberties do not prevail. My desire is to point backward in history in order that we may catch a glimpse of those martyred Christians, the Baptists in the land of the Magyars and Attila. These men and women followed the dictates of their consciences. They found that true religion is much more than they had formerly known; that formalism, ritualism, is not enough to change a

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man's life. Their inner desire to commune with God was strong, and it became a very personal matter, as real as life itself. There and then was born a Baptist society, a group who worshiped together. They had found that it is possible for every one to 'live Christianity,' remembering the saying of Paul, "*Christ liveth in me*," a life with purpose, meaning real brotherhood, peace and freedom. These were some of their basic convictions. Their crusade for Christ was carried on in homes, villages, cities, everywhere.

Last summer I visited Hungary. On my arrival at the Budapest airfield, my sister, relatives, friends, and Christian brethren numbering seventy-five gave me an unforgettable welcome. Border officials of the Hungarian government checked my baggage with courtesy and speed, and then I was on my way. A few hours after my arrival in the capital city, I took a train for Debrecan, a historical city on the great plains of Hungary, where I joined my mother, who had waited up all night to greet the son she had not seen for twenty-eight years. They were unforgettable moments.

During my stay in Hungary, I traveled over 4,500 kilometers attending religious conferences, speaking in churches, and meeting people from all walks of life. I was privileged to distribute among the needy relief which had been given by Church World Service, the Northern and



The writer and Dr. Somogyi

Southern Hungarian Baptist churches of America.

FOUND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

I found that in present-day Hungary equal freedom is given to all denominations, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, but there is a definite, fixed separation of church and state. No one is denied the right to worship God, to pray, or to assemble in small or large groups. However, it is very clearly understood that *no religious group or members of the clergy are allowed to hold church gatherings for political purposes or use their respective offices for propaganda.*

It was my privilege to attend one of the largest convention gatherings of Baptist youth, men and women, in Tahi, near Budapest, which numbered about 2,500. The convention, under the able leadership of Dr. Imre Somogyi, president of the Hungarian Baptist Union, lasted four days, and we heard inspiring messages. The convention choir numbered 200, while

the orchestra contained 150 instruments.

It was a thrilling experience when these Christian musicians and singers



Hungarian Baptist leaders with Mr. Kocsis

joined with the huge congregation in rendering "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Nature's amphitheater became God's holy temple. In this majestic setting, my heart was filled with joy to bring the gospel message and greetings from my Christian brethren in America. I felt, as never before, that in Christ we are one; in him brotherhood is a reality which can unite all mankind. These of our brethren behind the "Iron Curtain" are marching with this banner unfolded: "*Soli Deo Gloria.*"

In the many city and rural churches where I was asked to preach, the congregations totaled about 15,000. In Budapest, one of the largest

halls was used for a huge rally which celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the re-establishment of Baptist Churches. In this movement my maternal grandfather, Cs. Nagy Andras, took a very active part, followed by the ministry of my father, who died in the first World War.

Each week, for half an hour the government-controlled Radio Budapest is giving time for the broadcasting of the Gospel. Each denomination has been asked to participate in the program, and our Baptist brethren are taking an active part in bringing the Gospel message to

Hungary's population.

Before I left for Hungary, the American Bible Society graciously provided for the free distribution of Bibles behind the "Iron Curtain." During my stay there, it was my privilege to give these Bibles to the people. This is of great significance, be-



Conference group at Siófok, near Balaton

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cause the Bible is now printed on Hungarian soil for the first time in history. This marks a new milestone in the publication of the Sacred Book. Bibles are printed in Hungary for the Hungarians with the aid of the British and American Bible Societies.

THE FINAL VICTORY

There is enough evidence in history to indicate that the truth shall prevail. I have no doubt of or fear for the final victory of the living church over all evils of the world. There were enough martyred Bible-believing Christians in Hungary whose lives, courage, devotion, faith, freedom and convictions are directing our attention to see this truth and its glorious victory over the bigotry and brutality of the past. These godly men and women were declared heretics, undesirable elements in their societies, because of their religious convictions and for their declaration of their right to worship God after the dictates of their consciences. They were burned at the stake, drowned, and tortured, but their spirit shall live on eternally. They had been reminded constantly by the declaration of Paul to the Corinthians: "*Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.*" For the freedom to worship in Hungary we are grateful.

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A PROTESTANT PRIMER ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM, by Angelo di Domenica; Cloth bound, 187 pp. Price \$2.00.

HERE is a splendid, practical handbook for Protestants who want to know and be able to answer the problems arising out of the differences between Roman Catholic and Protestant teachings and practices. The book took shape out of the author's long experience with the problem of mixed marriages, and supplies a long-felt need of providing Protestants who fall in love with Roman Catholics with protective information.

Born a Roman Catholic, Rev. di Domenica has labored for 50 years as a Baptist pastor among Protestants and Roman Catholics, and is thus able to present his subject matter with an intimate knowledge of both sides, and with a sympathetic approach. Each chapter is succeeded by a lesson in question-and-answer form. In this way, not only are Protestants made acquainted with the doctrines, traditions and practices held by Roman Catholics, but are supplied with excellent Biblical material in defense of their own Evangelical faith.

Pastor di Domenica was converted as a boy in Italy after his two elder brothers returned as Evangelical missionaries from New York where they had been converted to the Evangelical faith. He is the author of several other books and pamphlets, in English and Italian. This latest book, written in perfect English style, is to be highly recommended.

I WAS A PRIEST, by Lucien Vinet; 148 pp. paper covers. Price \$1.00.

PROBABLY because this book was published in Canada, where there is greater freedom to talk about the Catholic Church than in the United States, it is written with a forthright frankness that may shock the sensibilities of many Americans. But a dose of plain-spoken truth about the inside workings of the Roman Church should not be out of place today.

Besides giving intimate details of abuses in priestly practices, the author tells his own life story as a priest and why he left the priesthood. A native of Pierre, Manitoba, he was ordained a priest there in 1933, served as pastor at Lac Du Bonnet, and as a Roman Catholic Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Winnipeg and overseas, after which he resigned the priesthood.

Of interest is the list of other priests, and some Roman bishops, who have left

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THIS VALUABLE WORK was first published in England in 1888, and it is an unexpected pleasure to see it reprinted and made available at a reasonable price here in America in 1949.

The contents were originally presented as a series of lectures by Dr. Salmon against papal infallibility and have not been reprinted in any editions since. No serious attempt has ever been made by Roman Catholic scholars to reply to Dr. Salmon's convincing arguments, because they are irrefutable. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* (vol. 7, p. 794) admits Salmon to be "*one of the subtlest of the recent opponents of infallibility who have written from what might be described as the orthodox Protestant standpoint.*"

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To all of which we heartily agree. Indi-

viduals would do a great service in defense of the Protestant cause just now if they donated a copy of this valuable work to their local public libraries, and called attention to the fact that it is available there for every one in the community.

NO FRIEND OF LABOR, by James Morton Freeman; Fulfillment Press, New York. Pamphlet 32 pp. Price 35¢.

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ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE by Sidney Collett, published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. pp. 324, \$2.00.

THE SUGAR CREEK GANG DIGS FOR TREASURE by Paul Hutchens, published Van Kampen Press, Wheaton, Ill., pp. 90.

AN HIGHWAY SHALL BE THERE by Canon R. H. A. Haslam, published by Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada, pp. 135, \$1.50.

DOES SCIENCE SUPPORT EVOLUTION? by E. Ralph Hooper, B.A., M.D., published by Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada, pp. 157, \$2.00.

A PRISONER AND YET by Corrie Ten Boom, published by Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada, pp. 170, \$2.00.

ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT POEMS, by Annie Johnson Flint, published by Evangelical Publishers, Toronto, Canada, pp. 141, \$1.50.

THREE WORLDS IN ONE by J. Vernon McGee, published by the Church Press, Oakland, California, pp. 48.

I WAS A PRIEST by Lucien Vinet, published by the Canadian Protestant League, pp. 142, \$.75.

I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE by Jose A. Fernandez, published by Harry O. Cook, Philadelphia, Pa. \$.75.

THE REPORTED DISCOVERY OF NOAH'S ARK, by A. J. Smith, Ph.D., D.D., published by West Publishing Company, Apollo, Pa., pp. 80, \$1.00.

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Religious Reform in Italy

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in Rome and throughout Italy has become somewhat alarmed at the efforts of combined Protestant groups toward "religious reform in Italy." Last October the "First Congress For Religious Reform in Italy" was held in Rome.

The two hundred delegates who came from all over Italy were not all Protestants. There were modernists, old Catholics, Christian Socialists, Catholic Communists, Waldensians, Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, Fundamentalists, Swedenborgians, Free Masons, Spiritualists and many others. Although the Catholic press stated that the inspiration of the Congress was entirely Protestant, Protestants were actually in the minority. According to the Rome correspondent of the *Christian Century*, there was fear at first that the police would interfere with the meetings. But although the police attended and took notes of the debates, there was no actual interference from them. But only a few days previously, a man in Rome had been sentenced to ten months im-

prisonment for hissing the appearance of the Pope in a newsreel.

The following subjects were discussed at the meetings of this Congress: what positive religious message could best be addressed to the Italian people; possible means of reform in Roman Catholic discipline and doctrine; the problem of the relations between Roman Catholicism and Italian society; Church-State relations in Italy; the Concordat signed between the Pope and Mussolini; the legal position of former priests; the confession; secular schools; freedom of culture, etc.

Although little of an immediate positive nature could have been accomplished, there was agreement that these problems were of immediate importance and should be freely examined and discussed. To this end it was decided to set up centers for religious reformation throughout Italy, where regular discussions could be held, suitable tracts published, events of religious freedom participated in and assistance to the victims of religious or political intolerance rendered. It was also decided to organize pop-

ular meetings in the presence of local authorities in villages, towns, and metropolitan boroughs, at which the people will be invited to take part in free discussions on all these problems.

An important decision was to protest vigorously to the Government on the treatment of ex-priests, who are not accorded the same rights as other citizens, and on the disparity in the provisions of the penal code regarding punishment for religious offenses against those who differ from the Roman Catholic Church.

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano* tried to belittle the efforts of this Congress in the following words: "Faith and works of Catholics will prevail to such a degree that this new attempt will be no more than a trivial and pathetic memory. . . . Today's rebels when they have abandoned their animosities and prejudices, will see that there is One alone who brings renewal."

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ALTHOUGH ITALY IS CLAIMED to be the very home of Roman Catholicism, it has now become the country with the second largest Communist party in the world outside Russia, with 2,500,000 members and 8,700,000 voters at the last election, according to the Rome correspondent of the *Chicago Tribune* of last December 5.

Statistics of religious affiliations in Italy, according to this report, are given as follows: 99 per cent of a population of 46,500,000 are Roman Catholics; 100,000 Protestants and 60,000 Jews.

The Vatican is not unaware of the fact that the Communists in Italy are determined not to turn the Italian people against the Roman Catholic Church's religion. According to Giuseppe di Vittorio, Communist leader, he says, "We have many devout Catholics in our ranks, among workers and peasants, who go to the priest for communion and to Communism for the land."

ALL THE HORRORS of the Middle Ages and the bloody violence of the post-Reformation period are being re-enacted in the present world struggle. Jesuit spies are secretly arousing Catholic people to fight

Should Priests Condone Political Murders?

priests in the confessional advise their penitents that it is no crime to kill the enemies of the Roman Catholic Church.

Newspapers in modern America daily report incidents of this kind, that remind us of the advance pardons and indulgences granted to Catholic assassins of Protestant leaders in the past. Communists are being killed with the blessing of Roman Catholic priests as Protestants were then.

According to a report from Warsaw in the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of last Feb. 19, three priests were accused in a Polish Military court of blessing underground terrorists who killed a Communist. The priests were also accused of "encouraging the terrorists to murder more supporters of the Warsaw Government." One of the priests, the Rev. Kazimir Fertak, was later sentenced to 15 years in prison for having heard the confessions of another band of terrorists. According to the testimony in court, Father Fertak "calmed the consciences of members of the band by telling them that they were not murdering bandits but a military unit at war."

against régimes that are opposed to the Roman Catholic Church, and

Again in the N. Y. *Times* of Mar. 3, an AP dispatch from Warsaw stated that "three Catholic priests pleaded guilty before a military tribune in Lodz today to inciting an underground band to kill supporters of the Communist-led Warsaw Government.

Here we are again faced with the old problem of Roman Catholic teaching that sometimes murder is justifiable, and that calls upon the Catholic people to refuse obedience to civil governments and to plot the downfall of régimes hostile to the claims of the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Leo XIII put this very succinctly when he ordered: "*If the laws of the State are manifestly at variance with the divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the [Catholic] Church . . . then truly, to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey a crime.*"

HERE is a new kind of persecution complex developed by the Roman Catholic Church — a protest against Franco Spain's Press Directorate for censoring Cardinal Segura's denunciation of Protestants in Spain.

Is This Also 'Persecution'? While howling 'persecution' of the Catholic Church behind the Iron Curtain, Catholic propagandists in America have been trying to soft-pedal news of persecution of Protestants in Roman Catholic countries. They seem to have brought pressure to bear even

on dictator Franco not to make too much publicity, even in Spain itself, about the ruthless suppression of Protestants there.

This dispatch from Madrid stresses that *no attempt is being made to prevent the texts from being read in churches in Spain*, nor is there any intention of "curtailing the liberty of the Catholic Church in Spain." The aim is to *arouse the people of Spain against Protestants, but not to allow the news to get out to America and other parts of the world.*

[See News clipping p. 165.]

STRONG PRESSURE is being exerted by the Vatican to secure the incorporation of its pact with Hitler (in 1933) in the new constitution for a Western Germany republic now being at Bonn.

Objections are being voiced in Germany against the preservation of this Hitler-Vatican Concordat because: 1) Hitler did not ask public approval for it, but negotiated it personally with the Vatican through the present Pope Pius XII and Nazi villain Franz von Papen; 2) the Hitler Government was illegal, and 3) the pact was a Nazi propaganda maneuver to secure world support for Hitlerism as allied with the Vatican.



THE 'WEEPING' STATUE

Here is a picture of the 3-inch head of the broken doll-image of 'St. Anne' that was said to 'weep' last April 13 when Shirley Martin (above) of Syracuse, N. Y., kissed its painted plaster face.

A huge crowd of sick and their relatives blocked traffic seeking one of the 'tears' or to dab handkerchiefs against the painted face of the image. The local priest, Father Francis Furfaro, pronounced it "a wonderful, extraordinary occurrence," while others suspected that the moisture on the face of the image was merely the saliva and tears of the weeping girl herself. The 'tears' ceased after the little girl appeared on a television program, and newspapers throughout the country splashed their 'miracle' theories all over their front pages.

But even the name of St. Anne is a myth, as the 'Catholic Encyclopedia' (vol. 1, p. 538) admits: "Even the name of the mother of Mary seems to be doubtful."

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THE FOLLOWING is from the March issue of *The Lutheran Outlook*:

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"Timothy Coakley, 35, a former Army chaplain and a Roman Catholic priest for 12 years, stands with his bride, the former Patricia Mary Ball, 23-year-old Welsh girl, after their marriage in a civil ceremony in London Thursday. Coakley was assistant priest for four years until last October at the church in Wales where Miss Ball worshiped."

Two days later the same paper published on its front page in black-face type "A Statement." It reads:

"The Ohio State Journal wishes to express its deep regret to those of its readers whose religious sensibilities were offended by the publication of an AP Wirephoto from England of Timothy Coakley, excommunicated Catholic priest, and his bride in the Green and Home editions of this newspaper on Saturday, Jan. 22.

"Publication of the picture was in violation of the State Journal's policy of undeviating respect for the members of all faiths."

Between the two paragraphs one can imagine the rapid and heated activity: the archbishop calling the local bishop and asking him if this is the kind of publicity he lets get into the newspaper; the bishop instructing his secretary to call the managing editor; the editor calling the luckless make-up man on the carpet; the composing of the apology and the humble reading of it over the wire to the bishop's secretary to make sure it meets with the approval of the offended dignitaries.

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3. Would there have been a similar apology if the item had been about a Protestant minister who had done something he should not have done? Of course not! Then why the malarkey about "undeviating respect for the members of all faiths"?
4. What pressure was brought to bear on the newspaper to make it crawl?
5. What has become of the vaunted freedom of the press?

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The above speaks for itself and needs no comment from us, but we would like Protestants to remember it when they hear and read deceptive reports of Roman Catholic toleration, brotherhood and cooperation in 'inter-faith' projects.

A STRANGE DEAL between Hollywood and the Vatican was announced in the N. Y. Times of last March 9: Eric Johnson, president of the Motion Picture Association of America (who has had several private audiences with Pope Pius Vatican XII recently), was reported **High** as having concluded the **Finance** deal by which "the motion picture industry has arranged with the Roman Catholic Church for the effective release of \$3,000,000-worth of impounded Italian lire from accrued revenue of American films in Italy." The amount, about 2½ billion lire, will be used in Italy to build a seminary for priests, and in return, "the American film industry will receive \$3,000,000 from the Catholic Church in New York to pay for the lire at a discounted rate." Cardinal Spellman started the negotiations early this year.

This means that the Vatican will get 2½ billion lire in Rome to build the seminary (for American Jesuits),

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► **AFTER** the late Rabbi Stephen Wise's public statement, as reported in an AP dispatch of last March 19, that "*the largest of the Christian churches is unequivocally for war,*" ten professors of the Catholic University of America assailed his statement as "malicious." In answer Dr. Wise declared that he "*would stand by every sentence and word*" of his statement which was attacked by the 10 Catholic professors.

► **MORE THAN THIRTEEN MILLION** Roman Catholic pamphlets are sold every year, according to 'The Index to Catholic Pamphlets' issued by the Catholic University of America. This is nearly double the rate of sales of Catholic pamphlets in

the 1930's, according to the Catholic 'Register' of last Feb. 13.

► **CONGRATULATIONS** to Lutheran Pastor C. M. Rasmusson of Cooperstown, N. D., for his series of weekly articles entitled "The Voice of Truth," in the Griggs County 'Sentinel-Courier' to counteract the 'Narberth' series of Roman Catholic 'ads' to induce Protestants to become Catholics.

The Catholic 'Register' of last March 6 angrily condemns Pastor Rasmusson, especially for mentioning the condemnation of our American principle of separation of church and state by Auxiliary Bishop Stephen J. Donahue of New York City [for undeniable, photographic proof of this, see the COM of last Feb. p. 62]. The 'Register' is also incensed by Pastor Rasmusson for quoting his facts so extensively from **THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**.

► **PORTUGAL** had a so-called 'election' for President last Feb. 13. Dictator Salazar's candidate for re-election, Marshal Antonio Carmona, won hands down. There was no one to oppose him. For a while Major General José Mendes de Mattos tried to campaign against Carmona on a "freedom and liberty" ticket, but was forced to withdraw three days before the election.

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THE PROTESTANT FILM COMMISSION is unable to carry out its long-planned project of a movie story of the life of Martin Luther. It would be impossible to do so and not reflect upon the Roman Catholic Church. With evident satisfaction the Catholic 'Register' of last August 15 states: "The organization has not been able to develop a story it deemed suitable and still would not reflect on the Catholic Church in a manner so as to cause religious controversy."

► TOP Catholic Church leaders in Czechoslovakia were attacked by the Government-controlled press, according to a UP dispatch in the N. Y. Times of last March 17, for having approved two "slandorous" pamphlets. "The pamphlets," the report stated, "were said to have criticized Jan Hus, [martyred ex-priest], fifteenth-century church reformer."

► CHARGES of fraud and forgery, in amount of one billion lire (\$1,700,000), were filed last March 7 against Monsignor Cippico, former official of the Vatican Secretariat of State (See CCM, May, 1948, p. 154). He and other Vatican priests made huge profits by lending out the Vatican's American dollars to Italian industrialists last year.

► ABOUT 10% of weekday church schools ("released time classes") have ceased to function as the result of the Supreme Court's decision outlawing released time religious education in public school buildings, according to Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, as reported in the N.Y. Times of last Feb. 11.

► JEWS number 4,500,000 in the U. S., according to a survey recently made by the American Jewish Committee. About 75% live in 13 of the largest cities: New York, two million; Chicago, 300,000; Philadelphia 245,000.

► CATHOLIC authorities in New Orleans, La., were chagrined at the result of a religious census poll in that city, which revealed that the city is 51.4% Protestant in population. Roman Catholics were found to be 47.3% and Jews 1.3%.

REFORMATION IN REVERSE

AN AMBITIOUS PLAN by Roman Catholic propagandists in England and Scotland is "A nation-wide drive to make the Catholic faith known to every resident of England and Wales during 1949," according to a London report in the [Catholic] Register of last January 2.

The campaign is called "The Greatest All-Out Effort to restore the Country to the State of its Fathers since Henry VIII broke with the Church of Rome." Missions are being planned for every Catholic Church, and outdoor services are being scheduled for the warmer months of the summer. Priests from the United States also have been invited to assist in the ambitious project.

Out of England's more than 40,000,000 population, only a little over 2,000,000 are Roman Catholics. Because of the overwhelming Protestant atmosphere surrounding it in England, the Roman Catholic Church is more liberal and professes a more purified Catholic doctrine than in the United States, where the more superstitious brand of Roman Catholicism from Italy and Ireland prevails.

► THE CATHOLIC 'Register' does not like the new state of Israel. "The present Zionist state," it says in its issue of last March 6, "can have nothing spiritual to contribute to the world, and on Biblical grounds it has no right to the Holy Land. If God has given any group a mandate to occupy the country, it is the Christians, whose interests seem at present to be least regarded."

► FIFTEEN MILLION readers will see the new series of Knights of Columbus advertisements now being published in national magazines to induce Protestants to join the Roman Catholic Church. Among these magazines are: 'American Weekly,' 'Colliers,' 'Liberty,' 'Pathfinder.' These ads offer free pamphlets and the pamphlets in turn offer free instruction on Roman Catholic teachings and practices by mail.

► CHRISTIANS were chided for a growing hatred of the Russian people by the Rev. Dr. Henry Smith Lelper, addressing a group of Protestant clergymen under the auspices of the Protestant Council of the City of New York last Mar. 1. Dr. Lelper reminded his audience that more than half the people of Russia are members of Christian churches.

► MENNONITES—1,700 of them—who went to Paraguay from Canada to found a religious colony there, have been forced to return, having lost all their money and possessions, according to the *Minneapolis Tribune* of last Feb. 23. They were cheated, robbed and deceived by broken promises by the people there. As to religious freedom, Peter Enns, who returned with his six children last Feb. 22, declared: "Canada is a paradise compared to Paraguay."

Vatican-Fascist Pact Celebrated

TWENTY YEARS AGO last Feb. 11, Mussolini and Pope Pius XI signed the Lateran Treaty and Concordat, which established Vatican City as a sovereign state, recognized Catholicism as the sole religion in Italy and gave Mussolini the green light for all subsequent Fascist aggressions.

Last Feb. 11, Pope Pius XII met with Premier de Gasperi to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the signing of this Vatican pact with Mussolini—which still remains in force in republican Italy today. According to the *N. Y. Times'* report, the Pope made a speech praising his predecessor Pius XI as one of the signers of the Pact, but "made no mention of Mussolini," the co-signer.

To mark the occasion, the Pope conferred upon Premier de Gasperi the 'Vatican Grand Cross,' which makes him and his descendants members of the Vatican nobility. It is the third highest Vatican award. Only a few have received a higher honor from a Pope, among them Mussolini who received the 'Golden Spur' from Pope Pius XI after the signing of the Lateran Pact.

► **PRINCE** Aly Khan recently secured a divorce and married movie actress Rita Hayworth, a Roman Catholic, last May 27. An AP dispatch of last Jan. 17 stated that Miss Hayworth said *"she attends mass occasionally, seeks a priest when troubled, and considers herself a Roman Catholic."*

► **THE FOLLOWING** was recorded in the 'Christian Century' of last March 9: On January 22, the 'Ohio State Journal' (of Columbus, Ohio) published a story with a picture of a priest who had left the priesthood and got married. The Catholic Bishop, Michael J. Ready, at once called for a boycott of the newspaper, and thousands of subscriptions were cancelled. Further threats from the bishop brought an apology from the editor in its issue of January 24, and the person handling the story was discharged.

► **THE STORY** of Antonio Gianvittorio, converted Roman priest who is now a Lutheran pastor, was told in the *St. Louis Lutheran* of last Jan. 22. *"I came out of darkness because of the Word of God,"* Rev. Gianvittorio states, adding: *"I took my stand upon the infallible Word."* He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Naples, and now teaches classes in church history and liturgy at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

► **ELIZABETH BENTLEY**, self-confessed Communist spy who later joined the Catholic Church, was the principal speaker last Feb. 13 at the Communion breakfast of the New York Province of the Newman Clubs at the Hotel Commodore. Seated next to her was Bishop James B. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y.

► **PREACHING** TO 125 members and officers of the Argentine cruiser *Almirante Brown* in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York last February 27, Father John M. Fleming, assistant secretary to Cardinal Spellman, blamed the evils of Communism on the Protestant Reformation. He described Communism as *"the culmination of a 400-year world trend 'away from God' and denial of 'His rightful place in the scheme of human affairs.'"*

► **A CATHOLIC PRIEST**, Father William J. Kelley, has been chairman of the N. Y. State Labor Relations Board for the past five years at an annual salary of \$11,000. He resigned last April 5, because of an amendment to the State Labor Law, passed at Albany, giving the State Industrial Commissioner supervision over the Board. The change in the law, the N. Y. 'Times' of last April 6 points out, would take certain administrative matters out of Father Kelley's hands, such as "how much money or personnel" the board would be allowed.



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A CATHOLIC LEAFLET (on planned parenthood) entitled: *When Will Protestants Awake?* by Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, priest of the Sacred Heart Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., has been brought to our attention.

Father Coakley ends this pamphlet as follows:

"Unless Protestants and Jews awake there will not be very many of them populating America within a few generations. However, if they want to turn our glorious country over to us Catholics, it is quite satisfactory to me, for I have been trying hard to make America Catholic for some time."

► IN ORDER to prove how tolerant a Protestant minister can be, Rev. Carl M. Chworowsky, pastor of the Flatbush [Brooklyn] Unitarian Church, publicly put on display in his church a Roman Catholic pamphlet entitled, *How to Become a Roman Catholic*, according to the Brooklyn Eagle of last Feb. 24. "Religious liberals," he declared, "are not afraid of the missionary efforts of other faiths. If this pamphlet should lead to anyone's conversion, I shall be the first to say 'God bless you!'"

► THE FANTASTIC figure of 725,000,000 world membership of the Roman Catholic Church is now claimed, according to a report in the Washington 'Herald' of last Feb. 4. Even the previously claimed figure of 800,000,000 can be doubted. This new figure of 725,000,000 is being used to make the claim that the Roman Catholic Church now exceeds even Buddhism's 600,000,000 members.

► PROTESTANTISM is growing in Poland, according to Rev. Konstanty Najder, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Poland. Many Catholics in Poland were turned against their Church because of the failure of Rome to denounce Hitler and his regime during the Nazi occupation of their country during the war, he stated.

► ST. MARY'S Roman Catholic Church in Miami, Fla., was recently issued a permit to sell beer—the first time such a license has ever been issued to a church in Miami.

► ELMER STANFORD, a devout Roman Catholic, took a rifle into a Catholic Church on East 72nd Street in New York and shot Father Vincent J. Campbell as he sat in the confession box hearing confessions last January 29. Shocked at his arrest, his wife exclaimed, according to the N. Y. Post, "Why, he was always talking to priests!"

► A WORLD-WIDE collection is being taken up by the Vatican to obtain money to increase the range of the Vatican radio station, which already broadcasts in 18 languages. An intensive press and speaking program to carry the Vatican's anti-Communist crusade into every corner of the world is also being prepared, as reported by Russell Barnes of the Detroit 'News' of last Jan. 16.

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PUERTO RICO'S population is now 30 percent Protestant, according to Rev. Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft, Executive Secretary of the Latin American Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Dr. Rycroft, an authority on Protestant missions in Latin America, made this statement last March 27 at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church in New York.

Describing the recent 50th anniversary celebration of Protestantism held in San Juan and other parts of the island, Dr. Rycroft described it as "the biggest assembly of Protestants in the history of Latin America." One gathering in San Juan ball park attracted 50,000 persons.

Protestantism in Puerto Rico, unlike other parts of Spanish American countries, enjoys equal opportunities with the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Rycroft called attention to the fact that whenever the Roman Catholic Church has intervened in Puerto Rican politics, "it has suffered a resounding defeat."



PLEA FROM THE PHILIPPINES

[Here is another of the many pleas we receive from Filipinos asking for our Magazine and books.]

Dear Dr. Lehmann:

Greetings in the mighty saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am a young Christian, newly saved, not by riches of this world such as silver or gold or by my own righteousness, but by the precious blood of the Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I have read **THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**, which to my young soul and feeble mind, is a real blessing. After I read your Magazine I was moved by the Holy Spirit to understand the full meaning of the Gospel message. I love to have this. How much more I would love to own several of your books and pamphlets with more of this wonderful God-inspired writing. We have a church known as the Church of The Living God, and being a secretary, I am happy to see lost souls saved. One great thing we lack is reading material, which would help us win more souls for the Master. This Church of ours is very poor financially, but I can truthfully say that its members are rich spiritually.

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Emiliano Paracha,
Iloilo, Philippine Islands

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REMORSE

"A FRIEND loaned me several back issues of your magazine with a view to help me to understand and evaluate Roman Catholic teachings.

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—Dr. F. S. Onderdonk,
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Dear Brother Lehmann:

For some time I have wished to write to you and express my appreciation for sending Rev. Burke to be with us on the 20th of February.

Rev. Burke was a distinct blessing to our congregation and to our community. His message helped every one of us to

love and believe in our Saviour more sincerely. We have only heard words of commendation from those who have spoken to us about his two sermons.

May we say a hearty "Thank You" to you and to Christ's Mission for providing us with a speaker who so ably gave us new and vital appreciation of our Reformation heritage. God's blessing be upon you all and upon your work in the service of the Lord of the Church.

—Theo. Stelborn, Jr., Pastor
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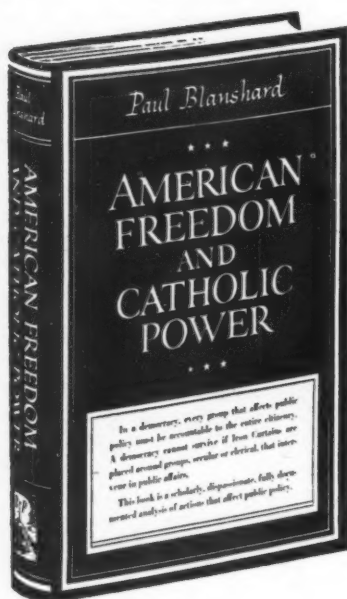
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